

Fort Vancouver

Dear Journal, (September 23th, 1856)

We are at Fort Vancouver which is our last stop for supplies. We've been on the trail since April and are pretty tired as you can imagine. We lost Jim when we stopped at the Snake River. I blame myself for Jim's death. I guess I didn't watch him as well as I should've. Ma had good reason to worry after all. We were lucky though, no one got cholera or typhoid fever. We should be in Oregon in a few days.

John Hankins

Conclusion

We finally made it to Oregon. Thank you for taking such a big risk in trying to help us with our quest for new land. We struggled through starvation, hunger, death, illness, and a lot more other hardships. It is hard to believe that we made it across the country in a covered wagon and never stopped for more than a week. It was hard going through all these difficult times. It was a good experience for us. We learned how to handle nature and experience hard times. We are not living life indulgently like we used to.

Well, this is the end. But you can stay in touch by e-mailing us, which you can do on all the web pages.

Thank You,

The Hankins Family